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MEMORANDA.

This number of the *Statistical Bulletin* is issued later than usual, owing to unavoidable delay in obtaining the December trade returns, which always are made available at a later date in this month by the Customs Department than in the other months of the year.

Trade.—The imports during December were valued at £4,694,789, which shows an increase of £1,133,438, as compared with the corresponding month of last year. For the twelve months there was an increase of £462,675, or over 1 per cent., as compared with last year. The direct oversea imports during December amounted to £2,352,164, as compared with £1,707,821 in 1908; the total for the twelve months was £20,870,984, an increase of £1,091,654 over the corresponding figures for 1908. There were decreases in a number of the principal articles; apparel and soft goods, agricultural implements, cordage and twines, iron and steel, kerosene, leather, and sugar, however, showed increases.

The oversea exports for December amounted to £3,520,675, being an increase of £103,657 compared with the corresponding month of last year. For the twelve months there was a decrease in the oversea exports of £785,772, or nearly 3 per cent., as compared with last year.

Principal increases during the twelve months were— £

Wool ...	...	...	...	...	349,825
Skins ...	...	...	...	...	373,511
Wheat	...	...	...	...	592,280
Meats ...	...	...	...	...	226,532
Tallow...	...	...	...	...	267,808

Principal decreases during the same period were— £

Minerals	...	...	...	...	1,070,060
Butter...	...	...	...	...	95,663

Separating merchandise from gold, the exports of the former during the twelve months increased by £635,013, but the latter decreased by £1,420,785.

Public Finances.—The Public Accounts for December show that the net revenue for the month was £1,185,432, or £83,464 less than in December of last year. During the six months ended 31st December the revenue was £6,840,591, being £103,212 more than the corresponding period of the last financial year.

Principal increases during the six months were—				£
From Commonwealth Revenue	...			36,750
„ Railways and Tramways	...			79,124
„ Water and Sewerage Rates	...			34,732

Principal decreases during the same period were—				£
Taxation	...	...	...	41,904
Lands	...	...	...	93,017

The expenditure during December was £904,584, an increase of £74,377 as compared with December of last year. During the six months the expenditure was £6,536,384, being £62,751 less than in 1908-9.

Principal increases during the six months were—				£
On Business Undertakings	...	...		132,183
„ Interest payments	...	...		8,548

Expenditure on Government Departments decreased by £117,882.

On the 31st December, 1909, the Consolidated Revenue Account was in credit to the amount of £1,010,359.

Shipping.—During 1909, 360 less vessels entered the ports of the State, and 477 less cleared therefrom, than in 1908. The total tonnage of vessels trading with the State was 11,456,394, namely, 5,823,489 entered, and 5,632,905 cleared, both steam and sailing vessels showing a considerable falling-off compared with 1908.

Railways.—The Report on Railways for the quarter ended 31st December shows satisfactory results. Compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, the earnings show an increase of £35,826, and the expenditure an increase of £97,630, due largely to the coal strike, increased cost of repairs, and renewals of rolling-stock. Relatively, the earnings increased by 7½d. and the expenditure by 9½d. per train mile.

Wheat Harvest, 1909-10.—According to information recently supplied by farmers, it is estimated that 25,600,000 bushels of wheat will be harvested from 1,817,286 acres, averaging 14·1 bushels per acre, and 648,900 tons of hay will be cut from 428,221 acres.

The total now estimated is over 10,000,000 bushels in excess of the production during the season 1908-9, and it is expected that, after making due allowance for seed and local food requirements, a surplus of 13 to 14 million bushels will be available for export.

Numerous trials to ascertain the milling qualities of this season's wheat have proved very satisfactory, the resultant flour being strong, of good colour and texture, and possessing high gluten contents.

The following statement shows, in the principal wheat-growing divisions of the State, the yield last season and that estimated to be yielded this season :—

Division.	1908-9 (Actual).		1909-10 (Estimated).	
	Cut for Grain.	Yield.	Cut for Grain.	Yield.
	acres.	bushels.	acres.	bushels.
Coast	4,261	62,843	5,613	70,000
Tableland	66,849	543,957	100,848	1,551,000
Western Slopes	744,862	8,783,135	963,522	13,894,000
Western Plains	111,663	403,003	193,314	2,710,000
Riverina	465,484	5,686,018	553,011	7,365,000
Western Division	937	4,320	978	10,000
The Whole State	1,394,056	15,483,276	1,817,286	25,600,000

Gold Production.—The gold yield during December was 25,084 oz. crude, equal to 21,681 oz. fine, valued at £92,095. During the year 1909 there has been a decrease in the value of gold produced of £85,308, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The quantity of gold won up to the end of 1909 amounts to 13,463,502 oz. fine, valued at £57,189,282.

Prices.—The index numbers show that during 1909 prices of staple products were about on an equality, being only 2 per cent. lower than in 1908. They were, however, 19 per cent. higher than in 1901. The index number for all articles was 1,188; for pastoral products, 1,137; and for minerals, 1,066—compared with 1,000 in 1901. The average price of frozen beef was higher by 25 per cent. than last year, and wheat and flour also showed a substantial increase. The pastoral products stand at 1,137, as against 1,122 for 1908, while the industrial metals show a decline from 1,073 to 1,066. The general index number for December was 1,181, the lowest since April.

Land Selections.—During December 180 new settlers applied for 101,602 acres; and 106,463 acres, representing 167 blocks, were set apart for residential settlement. For the year 1909 the number of new settlers was 2,416, and the area applied for 1,578,171 acres. The original area set apart for residential settlement during the year was 1,352,780 acres, representing 1,676 blocks.

Meteorology.—During the month of December the rainfall recorded over the north-eastern half of the State was, with the exception of the Northern Tablelands and parts of the North Coast, generally above the average.

The records for the year 1909 show that a very large area of the State, embracing the whole of the North-western Slopes and Plains, the northern half of the Central Plains, Slopes, and Tablelands, parts of the Hunter Valley, and a narrow strip of country extending through Riverina to the South-western Border, received falls in excess of the average. The Coastal District was not so fortunate, however, as at only two stations were averages exceeded.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.				Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1898	...	...	...	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1'64	1,312,455
1899	...	...	...	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1'58	1,333,605
1900	...	...	...	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1'53	1,354,335
1901	...	...	...	723,494	656,033	1,379,527	14,937	1'09	1,367,851
1902	...	...	...	741,234	666,385	1,407,619	28,092	2'04	1,395,299
1903	...	...	...	755,078	676,533	1,431,611	23,992	1'70	1,419,734
1904	...	...	...	773,699	687,850	1,461,549	29,938	2'09	1,446,535
1905	...	...	...	795,133	700,874	1,496,007	34,458	2'36	1,478,703
1906	...	...	...	816,590	714,394	1,530,984	34,977	2'34	1,514,390
1907	...	...	...	841,391	731,833	1,573,224	42,240	2'76	1,554,783
1908	...	...	...	859,402	745,607	1,605,009	31,785	2'02	1,588,550
1909, 31st March	...	...	...	864,134	750,418	1,614,552	.....	.....	.....
„ 30th June	...	...	...	868,967	753,773	1,622,740	.....	.....	.....
„ 30th September.	...	...	...	877,281	758,153	1,635,434	.....	.....	.....

The population includes 4,287 Aborigines of full-blood, of whom 2,451 are males, and 1,836 females.

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.				Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
				Marriages.					
					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1898	...	...	...	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	14'90
1899	...	...	...	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	15'42
1900	...	...	...	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	16'26
1901	...	...	...	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	15'98
1902	...	...	...	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	15'19
1903	...	...	...	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	13'71
1904	...	...	...	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	16'11
1905	...	...	...	10,970	20,206	19,295	8,709	6,269	16'58
1906	...	...	...	11,531	21,066	19,882	8,715	6,260	17'15
1907	...	...	...	12,189	21,616	20,579	9,429	6,981	16'58
1908	...	...	...	12,642	21,643	20,882	9,323	6,767	16'64
Jan. to Sept., 1909	...	...	...	9,727	16,666	15,808	6,879	4,931	.....
„ „ 1908	...	...	...	9,439	16,057	15,512	7,020	5,062	.....
July to Sept., 1909	...	...	...	3,084	5,801	5,612	2,359	1,726	.....
„ „ 1908	...	...	...	2,853	5,560	5,356	2,366	1,714	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.					Departures.				
	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.	By Sea.		By Land.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,600	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677
1899	49,960	27,074	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	39,747	151,313	45,259	21,931	53,647	31,994	152,831
1901	50,234	25,905	55,538	31,936	163,613	44,332	25,168	66,763	34,267	170,530
1902	54,942	26,249	50,855	28,604	160,650	43,433	23,967	54,411	31,936	153,747
1903	46,121	24,449	54,314	27,459	152,343	39,537	24,095	56,003	28,185	147,820
1904	48,700	24,278	54,997	28,287	156,262	39,475	24,113	56,725	29,318	149,631
1905	47,872	26,298	62,991	35,143	172,304	38,586	25,096	62,340	36,347	162,369
1906	50,257	29,208	71,529	42,342	193,336	41,039	27,753	71,041	43,899	184,332
1907	65,684	35,441	94,245	45,969	241,339	51,868	30,018	95,447	47,551	224,884
1908	66,156	35,433	94,430	49,716	245,741	56,865	31,818	98,036	53,672	240,391
January to Sept., 1909	51,549	27,536	68,220	35,602	182,907	42,384	23,975	69,293	37,494	173,146
" 1908	47,511	26,022	69,671	37,385	180,589	42,070	23,615	72,195	38,860	176,740
July to Sept., 1909	15,486	7,372	25,269	11,854	59,981	11,237	6,034	24,646	12,698	54,615
" 1908	14,344	7,157	23,579	11,876	56,956	11,583	5,935	23,502	11,492	52,512

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	82,530	45,962	4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,474	46,982	4,579	13,706	10,872	163,613
1902	79,458	46,900	4,864	13,161	16,267	160,650
1903	81,773	42,529	4,249	12,868	10,924	152,343
1904	83,283	42,911	4,842	14,314	10,912	156,262
1905	98,134	44,315	4,859	15,093	9,903	172,304
1906	113,871	48,294	5,641	16,525	9,005	193,336
1907	140,214	58,734	9,782	20,204	12,405	241,339
1908	144,152	56,582	10,788	20,277	13,942	245,741
January to Sept., 1909	103,822	41,129	10,504	18,592	8,860	182,907
" 1908	107,056	41,542	6,680	15,966	9,345	180,589
July to Sept., 1909	37,123	11,405	3,166	5,503	2,784	59,981
" 1908	35,455	10,984	2,412	4,718	3,387	56,956

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.		United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.				
1900	85,641	42,863	5,798	9,477	9,952	152,831
1901	101,030	43,426	5,221	12,159	8,694	170,530
1902	86,347	36,448	5,956	12,803	12,193	153,747
1903	84,189	34,914	5,136	13,204	10,377	147,820
1904	86,043	35,888	5,837	12,782	9,081	149,631
1905	98,686	36,771	5,501	12,310	9,101	162,369
1906	115,541	39,458	4,627	15,452	9,254	184,332
1907	142,998	48,755	4,583	18,774	9,774	224,884
1908	151,708	51,590	6,605	19,587	10,901	240,391
January to Sept., 1909	106,787	41,142	4,993	10,844	9,380	173,146
" 1908	111,055	38,381	5,880	13,125	8,299	176,740
July to Sept., 1909	37,344	11,019	876	2,728	2,648	54,615
" 1908	34,994	9,938	768	4,215	2,597	52,512

No. 7.—Principal Articles Imported, 1908 and 1907.

Article.	1908.			1907.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	45,975	143,170	188,245	46,830	145,028	191,858
Animals	2,559,915	66,198	2,626,113	1,877,934	60,210	1,938,144
Apparel and Attire	465,914	839,235	1,305,149	463,191	990,981	1,454,172
Piece Goods	289,127	2,818,715	3,107,842	323,136	3,126,716	3,449,852
Boots and Shoes	239,230	133,430	372,660	245,759	132,891	378,650
Cordage and Twines	46,481	270,103	316,584	32,754	54,046	86,800
Drugs and Chemicals... ..	51,072	296,528	347,600	55,614	243,865	299,479
Fish—all kinds	31,142	206,375	237,517	35,100	126,841	161,941
Fruits—Dried	110,573	48,040	158,613	103,687	61,523	165,210
Fresh... ..	291,521	86,075	377,596	233,742	67,903	301,645
Furniture	33,596	88,623	122,219	52,816	117,172	169,988
Glass and Glassware	28,918	159,593	188,511	28,723	165,477	194,200
Gold—Coined and Uncoined... ..	2,187,346	608,655	2,796,001	3,405,937	1,048,343	4,454,280
Grain—Rice	5,071	120,422	125,493	4,752	53,334	58,086
Hats and Caps	99,940	171,826	271,766	83,484	178,561	262,045
Implements—Agricultural	136,498	127,292	263,790	117,986	101,741	219,727
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	27,067	335,919	362,986	35,812	369,716	405,528
Galvanized Sheet	40,213	357,497	397,710	49,014	398,722	447,736
Leather	113,583	138,198	251,781	118,139	181,209	299,348
Machines and Machinery	256,323	1,447,120	1,703,443	402,418	1,301,124	1,703,542
Metal Manufactures	210,121	1,304,797	1,514,918	245,372	1,476,895	1,722,267
Oil—Kerosene... ..	13,526	125,955	139,481	16,996	153,014	170,010
Spirits	100,837	447,654	548,491	92,344	455,853	548,197
Sugar	611,443	198,822	810,265	789,352	45,783	835,135
Tea	39,684	460,034	499,718	48,090	512,656	560,746
Timber... ..	230,469	710,727	941,196	263,679	652,317	915,996
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	145,111	394,943	540,054	144,939	354,705	499,644
Wool	1,360,984	4,682	1,365,666	1,685,715	7,013	1,692,728
Other Articles... ..	8,043,480	7,717,858	15,761,338	7,592,489	8,276,752	15,869,241
Total	£ 17,814,260	19,828,486	37,642,746	18,595,804	20,860,391	39,456,195

No. 8.—Principal Articles Exported, 1908 and 1907.

Article.	1908.				1907.	
	Quantity.		Value.		Value.	
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Oversea.
			£	£	£	£
Animals, Living ... ..	.....	.....	2,059,445	103,571	2,620,804	95,347
Butter lb.	6,645,840	18,547,248	353,001	875,633	132,536	810,270
Coal tons	1,933,777	2,558,366	1,061,962	1,347,237	970,765	1,297,530
Copper, Ingots, & Matte cwt.	2,282	369,450	7,058	1,051,825	4,836	1,613,218
Gold—Coined and Uncoined... ..	.....	.....	486,287	3,562,481	625,604	2,664,070
Grain—Wheat... .. cental	233,070	248,135	76,608	92,621	214,465	798,901
Flour "	412,899	354,331	197,852	170,382	188,668	319,662
Lead—Pig, and Matte cwt.	2,759,455	1,854,210	1,115,811	1,183,496	1,953,742	1,320,025
Leather ... ..	.....	.....	120,576	296,154	138,270	300,520
Meats—Mutton and Lamb lb.	1,922,267	44,637,492	21,351	526,423	73,360	614,996
Rabbits and Hares*... ..	153,920	5,758,847	1,456	247,525	1,963	301,115
Oil—Cocanut cwt.	5,058	79,216	8,420	105,392	10,247	195,816
Ores "	10,787	90,049	2,539	185,034	8,075	298,314
Silver Bullion, &c. oz.	5,801,487	3,926,184	376,167	402,817	628,299	429,084
Silver and Silver-lead Ore cwt.	701,236	908,636	83,980	392,961	138,103	430,860
Skins—Hides No.	65,653	286,949	68,958	207,625	79,098	180,010
Sheep "	447,507	2,456,809	93,255	287,595	132,220	502,893
Rabbit and Hare *	698,544	3,029,958	25,054	139,527	31,395	214,741
Other ... ..	.....	.....	7,272	251,374	9,232	286,664
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. cwt.	4,590,275	973,370	445,622	147,671	371,164	158,476
Tallow "	4,167	314,806	3,975	429,599	29,371	539,976
Timber... .. "	.....	.....	68,891	305,781	40,623	342,045
Tin, Ingots cwt.	398	76,185	2,713	502,995	1,924	727,333
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	56,987,999	277,012,467	2,306,800	11,859,183	2,632,344	16,219,020
All other Articles ... ..	.....	.....	5,109,997	2,205,807	4,843,797	2,224,187
Total ... ..	£	.....	14,105,050	26,880,709	15,880,905	32,894,073

* Quantity—Interstate, expressed in pounds; Oversea, in pairs.

No. 9.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1898 ...	11,721,033	12,732,527	24,453,560	8,162,429	19,485,688	27,648,117
1899 ...	10,868,437	14,725,878	25,594,315	8,862,274	19,583,192	28,445,466
1900 ...	10,164,080	17,396,991	27,561,071	9,979,214	18,185,302	28,164,516
1901 ...	9,368,011	17,560,207	26,928,218	9,140,497	18,210,625	27,351,122
1902 ...	10,949,675	15,024,535	25,974,210	7,568,922	15,975,129	23,544,051
1903 ...	12,792,252	13,977,917	26,770,169	7,876,898	18,941,161	26,818,059
1904 ...	14,152,101	13,133,857	27,285,958	9,918,050	23,086,484	33,004,534
1905 ...	14,938,885	14,485,123	29,424,008	12,263,472	24,518,534	36,782,006
1906 ...	17,061,860	17,603,503	34,665,363	14,651,156	30,986,888	45,638,044
1907 ...	18,595,804	20,860,391	39,456,195	15,880,905	32,894,073	48,774,978
1908 ...	17,814,266	19,828,486	37,642,746	14,105,050	26,880,709	40,985,759

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1909.			1908.			Increase.
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	762,598	1,716,534	2,479,132	917,216	1,756,542	2,673,758	(—) 194,626
February ...	977,396	1,705,633	2,683,029	1,182,813	1,898,371	3,081,184	(—) 398,155
March ...	990,613	2,008,121	2,998,734	939,573	1,760,035	2,699,608	299,126
April ...	811,372	1,366,040	2,177,412	1,075,968	1,570,902	2,646,870	(—) 469,458
May ...	1,147,355	1,867,611	3,014,966	1,228,323	1,384,675	2,612,998	401,968
June ...	1,071,045	1,681,620	2,752,665	1,055,710	1,779,191	2,834,901	(—) 82,236
July ...	1,176,385	1,839,945	3,016,330	1,133,123	2,109,144	3,242,267	(—) 225,937
August ...	1,720,707	2,109,202	3,829,909	1,451,259	2,048,497	3,499,756	330,153
September ...	1,335,752	1,994,600	3,330,352	1,896,065	1,862,793	3,758,858	(—) 428,506
October ...	1,564,686	1,841,343	3,406,029	1,349,815	1,771,222	3,121,037	284,992
November ...	1,218,149	2,034,271	3,252,420	1,574,676	1,865,828	3,440,504	(—) 188,084
December ...	2,130,873	2,563,916	4,694,789	1,692,423	1,868,928	3,561,351	1,133,438
Total (12 mths) £	14,906,931	22,728,836	37,635,767	15,496,964	21,676,128	37,173,092	462,675

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 11.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1909.			1908.			Increase.
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	2,724,621	920,463	3,645,084	1,452,638	811,008	2,263,646	1,381,438
February ...	2,333,048	823,391	3,156,439	3,105,116	839,753	3,944,869	(—) 788,430
March ...	2,425,668	954,723	3,380,391	2,250,788	888,745	3,139,533	240,858
April ...	1,036,389	984,433	2,020,822	1,698,615	953,725	2,652,340	(—) 631,518
May ...	1,566,581	1,025,805	2,592,386	1,625,290	997,974	2,623,264	(—) 30,878
June ...	1,179,175	941,614	2,120,789	1,712,681	925,071	2,637,752	(—) 516,963
July ...	1,367,072	1,261,688	2,628,760	1,570,784	1,096,815	2,667,599	(—) 38,839
August ...	1,657,151	1,212,230	2,869,381	1,591,680	1,078,649	2,670,329	199,052
September ...	1,946,938	1,622,375	3,569,313	2,300,867	1,611,214	3,912,081	(—) 342,768
October ...	3,035,399	2,408,585	5,443,894	2,701,501	1,910,217	4,611,718	832,176
November ...	3,300,359	1,974,279	5,274,629	3,451,771	1,442,919	4,894,690	379,939
December ...	3,520,675	*	...	3,417,018	1,326,933	4,743,951	103,657+
Total (12 mths) £	26,092,977	...	...	26,878,749	13,883,023	40,761,772	(—) 785,772+

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported during December, and during the twelve months January to December.

Article.	1909.				1908.			
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce. Interstate.	Direct.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce. Interstate.	Direct.	Total.
December.								
Ale and Beer	£ 2,787	£ 680	£ 12,957	£ 16,424	£ 4,308	£ 2,336	£ 14,319	£ 20,963
Animals	509,346	1	1,753	511,100	415,718	10	1,705	417,433
Apparel and Soft Goods ...	44,803	20,246	274,183	339,235	34,480	7,354	221,848	263,682
Boots and Shoes	37,739	743	16,061	54,543	25,200	834	7,492	33,526
Butter	7,986	...	4	7,990	12,119	...	...	12,119
Confectionery	6,192	331	4,314	11,137	6,131	537	7,588	14,256
Cordage and Twines	5,582	287	25,562	31,431	2,354	232	20,473	23,059
Fish—all kinds	1,098	2,486	41,957	45,541	1,403	1,801	46,844	50,048
Fruits—Fresh	14,546	140	18,006	32,692	16,745	132	12,581	29,458
Gold—Coined & Uncoined.	526,840	...	54,938	581,778	182,189	...	7,329	189,518
Grain—Wheat	19,726	...	...	19,726	15,785	...	...	15,785
Flour	13,328	...	25	13,353	10,511	...	18	10,529
Hats and Caps	5,406	1,241	11,899	18,546	4,916	1,255	8,636	14,807
Implements—Agricultural.	20,444	3,646	13,230	37,326	11,850	2,274	14,716	28,840
Iron & Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	268	2,630	32,513	35,411	396	2,595	28,035	31,026
Galvanized Sheet ... ..	...	5,807	40,777	46,585	...	3,494	22,398	25,892
Leather	8,135	2,667	8,964	19,766	12,097	1,653	7,957	21,707
Machines and Machinery...	14,616	13,706	101,778	130,100	9,129	9,320	128,504	146,953
Metal Manufactures—								
Dutiable	10,260	5,210	34,544	50,014	10,957	7,639	47,289	65,885
Free	391	5,119	63,541	69,051	311	4,403	68,865	73,579
Milk—Preserved	4,166	178	8,367	12,711	3,731	771	10,384	14,886
Oil—Kerosene	*	*	14,236	14,236	*	*	5,710	5,710
Potatoes	5,955	...	...	5,955	11,449	...	3	11,452
Spirits	4,321	3,856	113,643	121,820	7,951	4,110	103,082	115,143
Sugar	71,755	2,341	413,922	488,018	66,054	298	17,859	84,211
Tea ... ..	...	4,545	42,551	47,096	...	4,814	38,183	42,997
Timber	6,776	10,389	67,951	85,116	9,929	880	66,138	76,947
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	8,343	1,546	52,344	62,233	12,358	1,512	56,613	70,483
Wine	5,325	37	3,196	8,558	6,123	27	2,025	8,175
Wool	194,216	...	522	194,738	124,213	...	1,807	126,020
Other Articles	580,223	123,917	878,419	1,582,559	674,016	102,826	739,420	1,516,262
Total	£ 2,130,873	211,752	2,352,164	4,694,789	1,692,423	161,107	1,707,821	3,561,351
January to December.								
Ale and Beer	24,256	12,155	143,048	179,459	26,246	20,004	142,344	188,594
Animals	1,744,249	1,382	61,431	1,807,062	1,926,334	930	66,098	1,993,362
Apparel and Soft Goods ...	406,944	136,150	4,587,579	5,130,673	373,692	99,921	4,228,644	4,702,257
Boots and Shoes	274,604	6,726	110,470	391,800	228,303	8,465	122,025	358,793
Butter	116,117	...	2,988	119,105	155,009	...	931	155,940
Confectionery	49,164	3,307	44,911	97,382	65,937	4,368	56,788	127,093
Cordage and Twines	34,263	4,259	279,269	317,791	*	*	265,342	280,403
Fish—all kinds	12,301	16,112	168,882	197,295	*	*	209,342	222,234
Fruits—Fresh	268,555	1,435	108,782	378,772	255,731	291	86,074	342,096
Gold—Coined & Uncoined.	2,851,921	930	595,078	3,447,929	2,414,816	3,378	617,456	3,035,650
Grain—Wheat	75,614	...	4	75,618	252,364	...	...	252,364
Flour	117,149	2	134	117,285	152,594	7	618	153,219
Hats and Caps	88,384	12,624	122,993	224,001	77,127	15,915	137,827	230,869
Implements—Agricultural.	182,243	37,520	131,508	351,271	103,080	27,584	109,856	240,520
Iron & Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	4,883	23,536	343,358	371,777	3,753	23,308	338,043	365,104
Galvanized Sheet	70	41,420	477,232	518,722	...	40,189	357,497	397,686
Leather	107,820	23,804	173,305	304,929	93,670	19,728	130,922	244,320
Machines and Machinery...	98,815	116,262	1,487,916	1,702,993	102,929	156,544	1,473,573	1,733,046
Metal Manufactures—								
Dutiable	89,842	53,196	523,824	666,862	102,711	69,338	603,642	775,691
Free	2,296	40,712	677,025	720,033	3,742	43,803	773,573	821,118
Milk—Preserved	44,456	8,039	75,196	127,691	33,434	8,365	81,397	123,196
Oil—Kerosene	*	*	195,964	195,964	*	*	113,355	113,355
Potatoes	237,413	...	110	237,523	390,607	63	27	390,697
Spirits	30,722	41,137	465,297	543,156	46,758	54,029	447,525	548,312
Sugar	511,266	9,451	724,378	1,245,095	608,161	3,282	198,982	810,425
Tea ... ..	...	42,765	475,807	518,572	...	39,569	460,054	499,623
Timber	94,997	74,613	751,463	921,073	173,132	82,438	702,942	958,512
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	117,299	13,070	269,777	400,146	124,631	14,099	394,467	533,197
Wine	54,543	692	18,484	73,719	52,939	1,228	21,531	75,698
Wool	1,316,341	43	9,063	1,325,447	1,532,969	...	4,673	1,537,642
Other Articles	5,944,404	1,136,510	7,845,708	14,926,622	6,196,295	1,159,952	7,633,782	14,962,076
Total	£ 14,906,931	1,857,852	20,870,984	37,635,767	15,496,964	1,806,708	19,770,330	37,173,992

* Information not available

No. 13.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during December, and during the twelve months January to December.

Article.	1909.				1908.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Total.
December.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	231	231	£ 7,386	£ 7,386	656	656	£ 16,516	£ 16,516
Butter lb.	3,500,758	3,501,758	154,321	154,321	3,075,221	3,075,221	128,254	128,254
Coal ton	74,625	74,625	36,249	36,249	272,867	272,867	139,950	139,950
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	18,752	18,752	53,877	53,877	25,962	25,962	75,951	75,951
Fruits—Fresh cntl.	5,050	5,931	4,729	5,710	3,714	3,764	3,221	3,271
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	142,114	142,114	.....	.....	117,370	117,370
Grain—Wheat... .. cntl.	22,700	22,700	8,388	8,388	60,692	60,692	22,791	22,791
Flour "	34,410	34,410	18,947	18,947	24,377	24,377	11,434	11,434
Lead cwt.	186,235	186,355	110,487	110,508	192,913	192,913	127,088	127,088
Leather... .. "	.....	.....	37,161	37,393	.....	.....	32,428	32,934
Meats—Beef lb.	260,847	260,847	2,865	2,865	397,769	397,769	4,336	4,336
Mutton & Lamb ..	11,847,371	11,847,371	110,977	110,977	8,206,755	8,206,755	94,278	94,278
Rabbits & Hares pair	263,569	263,569	13,078	13,078	254,650	254,650	11,117	11,117
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	991,857	992,274	18,521	18,544	987,692	995,774	17,759	17,948
Oil—Cocconut cwt.	5,703	5,703	7,043	7,043	7,587	7,587	10,274	10,274
Ores, Spelter, &c. ...	.....	.....	88,890	88,912	.....	.....	66,527	66,563
Silver Bullion oz.	300,383	300,383	27,677	27,677	353,593	353,593	35,421	35,421
Skins—Hides No.	23,470	23,470	24,911	24,911	31,086	31,086	24,112	24,112
Sheep "	520,814	520,814	62,897	62,897	318,283	318,283	43,624	43,624
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	76,672	76,672	3,427	3,427	144,265	153,505	6,118	6,583
Other ... .. "	.....	.....	35,865	35,865	.....	.....	49,272	49,272
Tallow cwt.	64,266	64,266	89,921	89,921	39,802	39,827	55,407	55,442
Timber ... .. "	.....	.....	33,525	33,948	.....	.....	35,935	36,258
Tin, Ingots, &c. ... cwt.	8,610	8,610	62,160	62,160	7,478	7,478	49,543	49,543
Wine gal.	3,849	3,972	1,107	1,192	3,420	3,710	963	1,474
Wool lb.	51,990,009	51,990,009	2,206,401	2,205,401	54,724,829	54,724,829	2,039,285	2,039,285
Other Articles ... ..	.....	.....	73,906	155,994	.....	.....	88,145	195,929
Total ... .. £	.....	.....	3,436,830	3,520,675	.....	.....	3,306,219	3,417,018

January to December.

Animals—Horses ... No.	1,553	1,555	47,123	47,473	2,894	2,894	77,183	77,183
Butter lb.	17,938,421	17,994,483	777,082	780,008	18,542,770	18,542,770	875,671	875,671
Coal ton	1,580,564	1,582,336	837,590	838,809	2,548,366	2,548,366	1,346,409	1,346,409
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	390,751	390,751	1,125,204	1,125,204	369,420	369,420	1,051,711	1,051,711
Fruits—Fresh cntl.	53,885	56,286	43,798	46,609	50,015	51,353	37,377	38,736
Gold—Coined, Uncoined	.....	.....	2,142,449	2,142,449	.....	.....	3,563,094	3,563,234
Grain—Wheat... .. cntl.	1,913,052	1,913,052	684,901	684,901	248,114	248,114	92,621	92,621
Flour "	433,151	433,151	231,227	231,227	354,331	354,331	170,382	170,382
Lead cwt.	1,261,238	1,261,749	752,708	753,077	1,861,273	1,861,434	1,184,657	1,184,775
Leather... .. "	.....	.....	270,804	281,561	.....	.....	281,951	294,229
Meats—Beef lb.	1,022,164	1,022,164	11,946	11,946	725,823	725,823	9,069	9,069
Mutton & Lamb ..	56,384,554	56,384,554	551,796	551,796	44,626,353	44,626,353	522,232	522,232
Rabbits & Hares pair	7,172,148	7,172,150	329,020	329,020	5,710,326	5,710,326	247,252	247,252
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	13,737,015	13,749,032	250,780	251,270	7,289,361	7,305,150	138,418	138,945
Oil—Cocconut... .. cwt.	89,975	90,243	123,038	123,423	79,201	79,207	105,388	105,402
Ores, Spelter, &c. ...	.....	.....	579,975	571,312	.....	.....	724,619	728,114
Silver Bullion oz.	3,405,852	3,405,852	329,983	329,983	3,879,433	3,895,611	397,058	398,858
Skins—Hides No.	275,487	275,506	261,380	261,410	281,887	281,887	206,995	206,995
Sheep "	3,677,787	3,680,847	395,536	395,674	2,452,884	2,453,109	287,379	287,404
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	3,133,112	3,135,800	160,208	160,372	3,011,662	3,020,902	138,622	139,087
Other ... .. "	.....	.....	441,535	441,008	.....	.....	251,823	252,067
Tallow cwt.	530,334	530,667	697,118	697,566	314,613	314,681	429,663	429,758
Timber ... .. "	.....	.....	245,223	259,095	.....	.....	289,000	307,635
Tin, Ingots, &c. ... cwt.	78,980	78,980	527,209	527,209	76,584	76,584	505,781	505,787
Wine gal.	42,612	45,063	12,179	14,402	66,349	69,808	16,162	20,669
Wool lb.	293,248,271	293,248,271	12,206,984	12,205,984	276,951,672	276,951,672	11,857,159	11,857,159
Other Articles ... ..	.....	.....	1,031,783	2,028,588	.....	.....	943,297	2,027,303
Total ... .. £	.....	.....	25,059,579	26,092,977	.....	.....	25,750,981	26,878,749

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of oversea origin re-exported.

No. 14.—Outward Interstate Transfers during November, and during the eleven months January to November.

NOTE.—The figures for December, 1909, are not yet available.

Article.	1909.			1908.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
November.						
Animals—Live	£ 190,484	£ ...	£ 190,484	£ 302,495	£ 158	£ 302,653
Apparel and Soft Goods	17,012	34,761	51,773	8,973	26,936	35,909
Biscuits	8,261	3	8,264	6,536	1	6,537
Boots and Shoes—Leather... ..	14,265	1,420	15,685	14,568	1,597	16,165
Butter	10,743	...	10,743	3,669	...	3,669
Cement	6,390	14	6,404	4,233	22	4,255
Coal	109,926	...	109,926	59,899	...	59,899
Fruits—Fresh	10,512	2,683	13,195	10,996	1,759	12,755
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	129,200	...	129,200	52,207	...	52,207
Grain—Wheat	1,018	...	1,018	4,246	...	4,246
Flour	22,619	...	22,619	19,058	6	19,064
Hats and Caps	6,530	3,882	10,412	4,278	3,620	7,898
Leather	5,828	4,478	10,306	4,134	1,569	5,703
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	10,737	7,972	18,709	6,885	4,829	11,714
Free	3,982	3,726	7,708	6,768	4,525	11,293
Potatoes	717	...	717	1,583	...	1,583
Skins and Hides	23,851	...	23,851	11,542	...	11,542
Soap	7,705	3	7,708	3,417	...	3,417
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	*	*	*	7,864	1	7,865
Spirits	2,627	14,324	16,951	1,852	7,343	9,195
Sugar	21,361	50	21,411	22,201	...	22,201
Tea ... ..	...	12,243	12,243	...	8,821	8,821
Timber	4,616	721	5,337	4,633	437	5,070
Tobacco, Cigars, &c... ..	47,138	1,433	48,571	18,912	1,023	19,935
Wool... ..	713,539	...	713,539	409,014	...	409,014
Other Articles	366,825	150,680	517,505	275,009	115,240	390,249
Total	£ 1,735,886	238,393	1,974,279	1,264,972	177,947	1,442,919
January to November.						
Animals—Live	1,376,556	2,185	1,378,741	1,612,391	5,993	1,618,384
Apparel and Soft Goods	171,450	368,867	540,317	150,774	327,201	477,975
Biscuits	68,107	132	68,239	56,210	52	56,262
Boots and Shoes—Leather... ..	130,910	16,707	147,617	132,783	19,377	152,160
Butter	295,606	2	295,608	347,606	...	347,606
Cement	49,728	119	49,847	41,001	239	41,240
Coal	905,281	2,653	907,934	966,258	165	966,423
Fruits—Fresh	120,231	11,222	131,453	104,396	4,584	108,980
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	994,128	1,000	995,128	381,384	108	381,492
Grain—Wheat	68,454	...	68,454	65,080	...	65,080
Flour	211,717	...	211,717	177,328	127	177,455
Hats and Caps	53,319	29,156	82,475	39,988	30,392	70,380
Leather	58,074	57,096	115,170	59,586	54,962	114,548
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable	70,059	94,500	164,559	92,843	85,907	178,750
Free	21,405	60,614	82,019	34,924	36,762	71,686
Potatoes	36,479	...	36,479	38,792	...	38,792
Skins and Hides	173,017	455	173,472	142,317	78	142,395
Soap	48,736	59	48,795	42,378	61	42,439
Spelter, Concentrates, &c.	*	*	*	412,844	1	412,845
Spirits	23,237	100,683	123,920	19,288	82,577	101,865
Sugar	259,417	42,771	302,188	237,812	12,416	250,228
Tea ... ..	...	112,248	112,248	...	96,495	96,495
Timber	46,426	7,021	53,447	56,147	7,393	63,540
Tobacco, Cigars, &c... ..	262,203	16,423	278,626	204,807	18,295	223,102
Wool... ..	2,789,172	...	2,789,172	2,006,837	...	2,006,837
Other Articles	3,627,745	1,344,216	4,971,961	3,037,110	1,312,021	4,349,131
Total	£ 11,851,457	2,268,129	14,119,586	10,460,884	2,095,206	12,556,090

* Included with Other Articles.

No. 15.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1908.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January ...	378,725	30,960	205,356	150,436	66,160	90,561	112,830
February...	1,986,483	17,624	109,676	191,865	62,177	93,347	140,959
March ...	1,052,036	38,408	127,056	218,584	100,749	91,033	130,860
April ...	529,876	15,240	74,115	432,176	68,544	70,699	103,589
May ...	325,860	17,371	8,370	490,211	78,327	88,408	117,360
June ...	504,116	14,654	4,183	357,975	104,589	87,962	122,493
July ...	412,483	17,592	3,976	374,776	83,470	81,195	93,984
August ...	353,029	14,981	5,547	319,036	99,093	96,182	90,468
September ...	747,541	16,595	24,863	550,616	115,312	92,603	103,651
October ...	1,385,343	32,937	77,250	201,044	118,827	117,542	79,428
November ...	2,142,382	12,416	107,025	159,005	160,321	66,228	110,837
December ...	2,039,285	34,225	128,254	117,370	127,088	75,951	139,950
1909.							
January ...	1,504,854	273,244	145,578	137,092	42,605	63,166	51,954
February...	1,276,411	216,160	50,818	115,776	27,888	74,185	81,653
March ...	1,399,349	248,883	54,502	101,860	38,754	58,430	47,171
April ...	190,612	25,793	84,828	170,333	29,810	70,678	74,956
May ...	297,600	38,532	5,998	357,247	32,015	74,143	118,229
June ...	294,781	12,186	5,337	99,072	39,831	104,754	80,025
July ...	376,255	10,898	6,986	115,826	67,868	115,280	74,872
August ...	310,929	13,276	15,045	346,926	61,783	145,118	81,627
September ...	740,204	16,327	37,496	139,133	82,111	137,826	67,367
October ...	1,603,386	16,757	82,516	251,914	132,252	123,931	50,742
November ...	2,006,202	16,737	133,657	165,156	87,304	103,816	72,475
December ...	2,206,401	27,335	154,321	142,114	110,487	53,877	36,249

No. 16.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage Entered.		Tonnage Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,634	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,042,703	641,495
1906 ...	2,893	5,283,719	2,883	5,275,031	4,659,821	623,898	4,658,235	616,796
1907 ...	3,238	6,070,953	3,205	6,009,282	5,257,019	813,934	5,228,469	780,813
1908 ...	3,196	6,298,784	3,219	6,303,125	5,822,060	476,724	5,737,747	565,378
1909 ...	2,836	5,823,489	2,742	5,632,905	5,350,229	473,260	5,201,181	431,724
Dec. 1909 ...	198	441,748	160	400,932	409,099	32,649	394,669	6,263
„ 1908 ...	299	591,510	295	578,941	559,473	32,937	548,470	30,471

No. 17.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1905.	1908.
Imports.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Australian States	7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	14,938,885	17,814,260
United Kingdom	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	8,602,288	11,853,791
Canada ... ..	.....	18,784	61,742	114,321	73,443	117,987
Fiji	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	43,232	190,276
Hong Kong	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	89,351	106,531
India and Ceylon	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	717,948	864,019
New Zealand	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	1,369,001	1,354,216
South Africa	290	55	34	1,013	5,254	54,533
Straits Settlements	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	82,830	95,593
Other British Possessions ...	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	67,167	114,192
Total, British Countries..	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	25,989,399	32,565,398
Belgium	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	222,994	459,630
China	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	28,631	39,970
France	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	138,028	164,227
Germany	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	864,289	1,181,229
Italy	1,311	23,961	39,593	92,732	73,757	101,132
Japan	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	145,257	235,489
New Caledonia	82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	18,399	32,704
Philippine Islands	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	27,854	30,404
South Sea Islands	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	103,142	109,974
United States	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,636,069	2,318,431
Other Foreign Countries ...	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	176,189	404,158
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	3,434,609	5,077,348
Total, All Countries ...	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	29,424,008	37,642,746
Exports.						
Australian States	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	12,263,472	14,105,050
United Kingdom	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	10,222,422	11,481,747
Canada ... ..	.....	10	16,804	66,403	41,520	64,736
Fiji	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	245,152	315,135
Hong Kong	246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	424,460	462,112
India and Ceylon	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,330,189	496,421
New Zealand	369,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	934,661	1,280,598
South Africa ... ..	.....	1,014	3,266	755,487	371,727	303,291
Straits Settlements	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	95,995	244,177
Other British Possessions ...	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	89,969	91,211
Total, British Countries..	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	26,019,567	28,844,478
Belgium	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	1,787,163	1,748,183
China	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	318,159	235,584
France	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	3,570,246	2,661,865
Germany	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,771,396	3,937,045
Italy	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	176,770	130,792
Japan	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	377,451	746,833
New Caledonia	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	135,446	99,911
Philippine Islands ... ..	.....	16,410	18,603	88,043	183,853	296,922
South Sea Islands	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	141,381	123,594
United States	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	602,145	1,001,326
Other Foreign Countries ...	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	698,429	1,159,226
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	10,762,439	12,141,281
Total, All Countries ...	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	36,782,006	40,985,759

No. 18.—State Revenue, December, and six months, July to December.
(Advances recovered are not included.)

Source of Revenue.	December.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to December.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1908.	1909.		1908-9.	1909-10.	
Governmental—	£	£	£	£	£	£
Surplus Commonwealth Revenue	251,718	197,290	(-) 54,428	1,622,855	1,659,605	36,750
Taxation (by State)	91,247	98,372	7,125	391,277	349,373	(-) 41,904
Public Lands	172,308	172,590	282	912,992	819,975	(-) 93,017
All other sources	64,087	56,896	(-) 7,191	303,858	339,536	35,678
Gross Total	579,360	525,148	(-) 54,212	3,230,982	3,168,489	(-) 62,493
Refunds	8,564	6,587	(-) 1,977	51,379	47,628	(-) 3,751
Net Total	570,796	518,561	(-) 52,235	3,179,603	3,120,861	(-) 58,742
Business Undertakings by State—						
Railways and Tramways	650,654	603,320	(-) 47,334	3,220,084	3,299,208	79,124
Other	63,268	67,712	4,444	412,458	446,525	34,067
Gross Total	713,922	671,032	(-) 42,890	3,632,542	3,745,733	113,191
Refunds	15,822	4,161	(-) 11,661	74,766	26,003	(-) 48,763
Net Total	698,100	666,871	(-) 31,229	3,557,776	3,719,730	161,954
Gross Revenue and Receipts proper	1,233,282	1,196,180	(-) 97,102	6,863,524	6,914,222	50,698
Net Revenue and Receipts proper	£ 1,268,896	1,185,432	(-) 83,464	6,737,379	6,840,591	103,212

No. 19.—State Expenditure, December, and six months, July to December.
(Transfers and Advances are not included.)

Distribution of Expenditure.	December.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to December.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1908.	1909.		1908-9.	1909-10.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Governmental	468,685	402,078	(-) 66,607	2,543,481	2,425,599	(-) 117,882
Business Undertakings	352,003	406,157	54,154	2,191,462	2,323,645	132,183
Interest	9,519	8,849	(-) 670	1,553,592	1,562,140	8,548
Sinking Fund and Redemptions	.....	87,500	87,500	310,600	225,000	(-) 85,600
Total Expenditure...	£ 830,207	904,584	74,377	6,599,135	6,536,384	(-) 62,751

No. 20.—Transactions on Consolidated Revenue Account, six months, July to December.

Particulars.	1908-9.	1909-10.
	£	£
Balance on 1st July	Cr. 1,676,924	Cr. 637,677
Revenue proper—Governmental	3,179,603	3,120,861
Business Undertakings	3,557,776	3,719,730
Other Receipts	700,886	1,098,918
Total Receipts	£ 7,438,265	7,939,509
Expenditure proper—Governmental	2,543,481	2,425,599
Business Undertakings	2,191,462	2,323,645
Interest	1,553,592	1,562,140
Sinking Fund Contributions	237,500	225,000
Sydney Harbour Trust Sinking Fund	73,100	.....
Transfer to Closer Settlement Account	.....	.....
Transfer to Public Works Account...	.....	.....
Other Payments	598,650	1,030,443
Total Payments	£ 7,197,785	7,566,827
Balance on 31st December	£ Cr. 1,917,404	Cr. 1,010,359

No. 21.—State Revenue—Comparison—Monthly.

Month.	1909-10.			1908-9.			Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	Governmental.	Business Under-takings.	Total.	Governmental.	Business Under-takings.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
July	511,218	451,970	963,188	644,162	425,155	1,069,317	(-) 106,129
August	535,180	548,856	1,084,036	479,172	530,893	1,010,065	(+) 73,971
September	463,543	612,686	1,076,229	475,007	587,295	1,062,302	(+) 13,927
October	479,580	749,869	1,229,449	511,810	678,341	1,190,151	(+) 39,298
November	612,779	689,478	1,302,257	498,656	637,992	1,136,648	(+) 165,609
December	518,561	666,871	1,185,432	570,796	698,100	1,268,896	(-) 83,464
Total (6 months) £	3,120,861	3,719,730	6,840,591	3,179,603	3,557,776	6,737,379	(+) 103,212

No. 22.—State Expenditure—Comparison—Monthly.

Month.	1909-10.			1908-9.			Increase (+) Decrease (-)
	Governmental (including Interest and Sinking Fund).	Business Under-takings.	Total.	Governmental (including Interest and Sinking Fund).	Business Under-takings.	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
July	714,168	386,767	1,100,935	717,328	308,914	1,026,242	(+) 74,693
August	567,247	368,807	936,054	784,191	388,547	1,172,738	(-) 236,684
September	1,132,785	349,567	1,482,352	966,452	305,461	1,271,913	(+) 210,439
October	915,697	456,935	1,372,632	980,092	415,703	1,395,795	(-) 23,163
November	384,415	355,412	739,827	481,406	420,834	902,240	(-) 162,413
December	498,427	406,157	904,584	478,204	352,003	830,207	(+) 74,377
Total (6 months) £	4,212,739	2,323,645	6,536,384	4,407,673	2,191,462	6,599,135	(-) 62,751

No. 23.—Public Debt—30th June, 1909—Services on which Expended.

Services.	Total Loan Expenditure to 30th June, 1909.	Interest paid during 1908-9.	Net Receipts (i.e., Revenue, less Expenditure), 1908-9.	Proportion of Net Receipts to Capital Expenditure.	Surplus after paying Expenses and Interest.
Reproductive Works—	£	£	£	Per cent.	£
Railways and Tramways	53,479,049	1,825,936	2,260,053	4'23	434,117
Water Supply and Sewerage	11,812,643	355,944	362,258	3'07	6,314
Darling Harbour Resumptions	1,170,109	40,567	31,904	2'73	(-) 8,663
Sydney Harbour Trust... ..	4,961,945	179,120	230,486	4'64	51,366
Total	71,423,746	2,401,567	2,884,701	4'04	483,134
Partly Productive—					
Conservation of Water... ..	1,358,892	45,909			
Roads and Bridges (including Punt and Ferries)	1,801,498	60,862			
Harbours and Rivers	4,696,029	158,652			
Total	7,856,419	265,423			
Unproductive Works—					
Public Buildings and Offices	4,463,601	150,799			
Handed over to Commonwealth	3,430,647	115,902			
Other (not represented by Works or Improvements)	3,133,006	105,847			
Total	11,027,254	372,548			
Grand Total	90,307,419	3,039,538			

NOTE.—It will be observed that the net receipts from Reproductive Services were almost sufficient to pay the interest on the whole of the Public Debt. The result of the working of Partly Productive Services and of Public Buildings, &c. (either net receipts or net expenditure), is not given, as the figures cannot be ascertained satisfactorily. It must be remembered, however, that these works have been of great service in helping the development of the State, and without them the Reproductive Services would not show so high a return.

No. 24.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt at end of Year.	Expenditure from Loans during Year.				
		Reproductive Works.			Other Works and Services.	Total.
		Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation).	Harbours and Rivers (including Resumptions).		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1899 ...	63,762,066	589,156	579,738	370,680	486,370	2,025,944
1900 ...	65,332,993	858,193	438,684	382,346	721,720	2,400,943
1901 ...	67,361,246	1,085,747	532,691	505,199	661,392	2,785,029
1902 ...	71,592,485	2,243,672	486,205	1,698,387	510,977	4,939,241
1903 ...	77,692,987	1,683,755	554,581	2,017,346	457,704	4,713,386
1904 ...	80,033,581	805,520	315,305	879,213	288,704	2,288,742
1905 ...	82,321,998	501,710	242,771	465,712	361,064	1,571,257
1906 ...	85,641,734	529,251	365,442	256,780	215,549	1,367,022
1907 ...	85,607,832	421,742	325,908	172,361	174,227	1,094,238
1908 ...	87,635,826	1,363,314	370,819	138,561	92,635	1,965,329
1909 ...	90,307,419	2,127,633	617,589	114,095	47,190	2,906,507

NOTE.—Redemptions of loans are not included in the Expenditure, nor are repayments to credit of votes.

No. 25.—Commonwealth Revenue collected in State.

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation.			Posts and Telegraphs.	Other Revenue.	Total
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.			
	£	£	£	£	£	£
*1901 ...	820,012	198,996	1,019,008	276,936	1,019	1,296,963
1902 ...	2,323,999	488,732	2,812,731	873,312	8,223	3,694,266
1903 ...	2,861,710	617,032	3,478,742	906,798	5,479	4,391,019
1904 ...	2,604,048	625,738	3,229,786	941,529	5,075	4,176,390
1905 ...	2,390,735	642,882	3,033,617	980,151	7,542	4,021,310
1906 ...	2,563,552	670,370	3,233,922	1,065,633	15,275	4,314,830
1907 ...	2,845,786	727,527	3,573,313	1,191,489	17,320	4,782,122
1908 ...	3,672,146	842,590	4,514,736	1,277,439	23,655	5,815,830
1909 ...	3,465,922	797,756	4,263,678	1,319,698	38,329	5,621,705
†Sept., 1909 ...	1,002,076	161,560	1,163,636	326,958	8,134	1,498,728
„ 1908 ...	931,218	197,208	1,128,426	306,947	3,367	1,438,740

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Three months ended 30th September.

No. 26.—Commonwealth Expenditure in State.

Year ended 30th June.	New Expenditure.	Customs and Excise.	Posts and Telegraphs.	Naval and Military.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
*1901 ...	47,605	29,006	262,036	70,744	...	409,391
1902 ...	99,252	63,450	840,685	309,146	...	1,312,533
1903 ...	114,131	70,438	890,203	268,146	10	1,342,928
1904 ...	167,043	69,188	950,108	298,756	...	1,485,095
1905 ...	169,085	69,451	942,905	311,230	...	1,492,671
1906 ...	187,340	73,431	984,371	327,734	25	1,572,901
1907 ...	283,184	74,810	1,049,120	349,493	378	1,756,985
1908 ...	463,102	84,186	1,188,300	447,256	15,620	2,198,464
1909 ...	570,009	87,988	1,290,071	344,298	1,716	2,294,082
†Sept., 1909 ...	233,727	19,809	301,670	100,273	687	656,166
„ 1908 ...	193,512	21,271	299,487	103,638	15	617,923

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Three months ended 30th September.

|| Includes £210,796 on account of Old-age Pensions and Defence paid to Trust Fund.

§ Includes £159,500 on account of Old-age Pensions paid to Trust Fund.

¶ Includes £138,000 on account of Old-age Pensions paid to Trust Fund.

‡ Includes £5,000 on account of Old-age Pensions paid to Trust Fund.

No. 27.—Net Revenue and Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1902-3 to 1908-9.

									1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.
Governmental :—															
Taxation—															
Commonwealth — Balance of Revenue collected and returned									£	£	£	£	£	£	£
to State									3,053,133	2,683,417	2,529,070	2,742,770	3,022,351	3,591,371	3,356,158
State									1,108,781	1,100,193	1,114,408	1,297,776	1,381,305	1,077,534	907,249
Land—									£						
Alienations									4,161,914	3,783,610	3,643,478	4,040,546	4,403,656	4,668,905	4,263,407
Revenue									1,087,087	1,116,061	1,026,594	1,066,741	1,128,768	995,069	998,532
									718,140	744,509	734,433	666,333	755,288	789,325	779,470
									£ 1,805,227	1,860,570	1,761,027	1,733,074	1,884,056	1,784,394	1,778,002
Receipts for Services rendered									£ 319,179	330,930	320,051	370,762	328,501	305,674	310,882
Miscellaneous Receipts									£ 265,154	330,088	323,414	284,105	342,746	348,475	274,600
Total Governmental... ..									£ 6,551,474	6,305,198	6,047,970	6,428,487	6,958,959	7,107,448	6,626,891
Business Undertakings by the State :—															
Railway Commissioners... ..									4,079,788	4,263,744	4,527,368	5,051,953	5,596,428	5,978,060	6,132,918
Sydney Harbour Trust									256,133	261,659	253,581	270,689	298,037	327,579	334,694
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage									376,221	385,793	473,562	492,196	496,794	504,092	486,393
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board									32,453	31,934	34,437	39,757	42,217	43,584	44,175
Total Business Undertakings									£ 4,744,595	4,943,130	5,288,948	5,854,595	6,433,476	6,853,315	6,998,180
Total									11,296,069	11,248,328	11,336,918	12,283,082	13,392,435	13,960,763	13,625,071
Other Receipts (Advances Repaid, &c.)									92,829	103,867	47,753	8,285	14,108	35,102	*62,204
Grand Total									£ 11,388,898	11,352,195	11,384,671	12,291,367	13,406,543	13,995,865	13,687,275

* Inclusive of £10,000 repaid by Commonwealth on account of Money Order.

No. 28.—Net Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1902-3 to 1908-9.

	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1907-8.	1908-9.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Governmental :—							
Interest on Public Debt and on Funds in temporary possession of Govt.* ...	895,732	831,527	883,236	938,398	907,026	730,043	755,058
Old-age and Invalidity Pensions and Administration	553,507	531,983	518,656	510,343	515,177	538,131	627,213
Other Pensions, Retiring Allowances, &c.	37,589	†131,096	†170,909	†170,685	†167,947	†205,599	189,442
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, including Electoral Office ...	12,710	22,586	42,048	10,464	20,426	40,966	4,648
Parliamentary Allowances and Postage	35,014	34,746	23,210	29,129	29,503	26,295	31,236
Local Government—							
Endowments, &c., to Municipalities	43,585	45,480	21,172	18,084	65,805	17,242	7,637
" " Shires ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	114,494	169,865	198,136
Administration, &c. ....	.....	.....	.....	1,286	12,090	9,980	3,715
Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Societies	13,071	11,410	14,363	8,936	17,390	19,627	18,096
Hospitals and Charities§	329,919	301,274	312,226	358,295	328,885	330,114	†343,961
Lunacy, including Master-in-Lunacy	147,238	138,847	128,062	135,367	135,728	144,523	156,559
Public Instruction, including Reformatories and Grants to Educational and Scientific Institutions	904,142	913,197	916,071	938,640	946,044	1,038,620	1,088,328
All other Services of the State under the Departments of Chief Secretary, Treasury, Attorney-General and Justice, Lands, Works, and Mines and Agriculture	2,909,555	2,722,145	2,546,101	2,585,745	2,542,190	2,350,569	2,473,405
Total Governmental	£ 5,882,062	5,684,291	5,576,054	5,705,372	5,802,705	5,621,574	5,897,434
Business Undertakings by the State :—							
By Railway Commissioners, Sydney Harbour Trust, Metropolitan and Hunter District Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage—							
Working Expenses	3,169,470	3,132,636	3,131,826	3,184,816	3,444,244	3,749,358	4,145,383
Interest on Capitals... ..	†2,046,289	†2,133,548	2,167,782	2,136,660	2,229,707	2,318,516	2,360,999
Total Business Undertakings... ..	£ 5,215,759	5,266,184	5,299,608	5,321,476	5,673,951	6,067,874	6,506,382
Sinking Fund Instalments	369,413	369,413	319,413	360,016	405,090	406,145	478,791
Total Expenditure	11,467,234	11,319,888	11,195,075	11,386,864	11,881,746	12,095,593	12,882,607
Public Works Fund—Transfers in aid ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	718,051	1,404,479	809,561
Closer Settlement Fund—Transfers in aid ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	200,000	200,000	1,000,000
Total Expenditure and Transfers	£ 11,467,234	11,319,888	11,195,075	11,386,864	12,799,797	13,700,072	14,692,168
Advances made	169,239	72,015	2,423	8,378	31,526	90,213	34,353
Grand Total... ..	£ 11,636,473	11,391,903	11,197,498	11,395,242	12,831,323	13,790,285	14,726,521

* Excludes proportion chargeable to the four corporate bodies. † Includes pensions under Public Service (Superannuation) Act, No. 8 of 1903, 4 per cent. deductions from salaries being paid to Revenue. ‡ For years 1902-3 and 1903-4, figures for interest on capitals are approximate only, as the capital debt of the four corporate bodies was not definitely settled. § Includes expenditure on account of Bubonic Plague. ¶ Exclusive of expenditure on Stores, &c., not yet available

No. 29.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities. (Thirteen Banks.*)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1898	1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	1,447,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731
1901	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,637	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
1905	1,439,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,627	37,071,054	140,118	38,860,062
1906	1,564,670	313,946	16,834,690	22,585,802	39,420,492	117,629	41,416,737
1907	1,756,696	263,018	18,729,709	24,034,857	42,764,566	153,186	44,937,466
1908	1,759,020	294,998	17,951,589	25,958,298	43,909,887	176,122	46,140,027
31 March, 1909 ...	1,690,088	322,897	19,306,324	25,660,967	44,967,291	120,446	47,107,722
30 June, 1909 ...	1,659,826	298,868	18,846,211	25,834,135	44,680,346	129,093	46,768,133
30 Sept., 1909 ...	1,628,973	292,610	18,442,181	25,717,133	44,159,314	143,120	46,224,017
„ 1908	1,674,024	276,681	17,816,561	25,774,100	43,590,661	399,412	45,940,778

No. 30.—Banks of Issue—Assets. (Thirteen Banks.*)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1898	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,036,427
1901	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
1905	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,231	32,447,659	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
1906	7,247,347	260,016	1,819,417	34,415,596	335,979	379,602	44,457,957
1907	9,342,631	209,454	1,746,940	37,244,216	359,038	443,636	49,345,915
1908	9,350,942	249,924	1,793,518	39,213,472	388,925	431,377	51,428,158
31 March, 1909 ...	10,027,862	206,752	1,788,154	37,300,220	401,964	477,191	50,202,143
30 June, 1909 ...	10,096,626	222,304	1,791,040	37,109,453	344,069	419,509	49,983,001
30 Sept., 1909 ...	10,012,265	209,016	1,783,454	37,940,291	353,282	377,451	50,675,759
„ 1908	9,122,490	226,177	1,795,173	39,222,608	359,673	597,438	51,323,559

* From June, 1907, the returns of fourteen banks are shown, the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris being included.

No. 31.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.				Amount.	Year.				Amount.
				£					£
1898 ... ..	...	...	...	126,978,018	1904 ... ..	...	...	...	177,797,335
1899 ... ..	...	...	...	146,188,144	1905 ... ..	...	...	...	189,826,381
1900 ... ..	...	...	...	144,080,314	1906 ... ..	...	...	...	220,860,512
1901 ... ..	...	...	...	167,676,707	1907 ... ..	...	...	...	234,169,822
1902 ... ..	...	...	...	178,637,708	1908 ... ..	...	...	...	227,736,243
1903 ... ..	...	...	...	180,961,406	1909 ... ..	...	...	...	240,645,737

No. 32.—Savings Banks.

Year. (31st December.)	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
	No.	£	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1898	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	39 2 4	7 3 4
1899	260,826	10,069,434	588,490	38 12 1	7 9 10
1900	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	38 11 5	7 19 9
1901	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	38 11 0	8 11 4
1902	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	38 8 10	8 16 6
1903	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	37 3 9	8 12 5
1904	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	37 10 6	8 14 5
1905	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	37 18 11	9 0 5
1906	392,050	15,320,532	1,822,280	39 1 7	10 0 2
1907	421,928	17,530,157	2,209,625	41 10 11	11 3 2
1908	431,727	18,805,280	1,275,123	43 11 2	11 14 4
30th June, 1909	444,930	19,022,151	1,172,767	42 15 1	11 14 5
„ 1908	435,618	17,849,384	1,511,333	40 19 6	11 5 7

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 33.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Train miles run.	Net Earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3 $\frac{3}{4}$	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,565,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4 $\frac{3}{4}$	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9 $\frac{3}{4}$	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10 $\frac{1}{2}$	35,158,150
1906	3,390	43,626,063	1,926,407	11,863,682	3 3	37,500,531
1907	3,453	44,700,230	2,209,665	12,949,068	3 5	41,413,084
1908	3,473	45,683,484	2,229,295	14,251,052	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	47,487,030
1909	3,623	47,612,666	2,075,626	15,074,144	2 9	52,051,556
*Dec., 1909	3,623	47,612,666	569,489	3,652,403	3 1$\frac{1}{2}$	13,417,868
* „ 1908	3,599	45,683,484	631,293	3,876,861	3 3$\frac{1}{4}$	13,241,286

* Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 34.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters and Letter Cards carried.	Post Cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, Books, and Parcels carried.	Miles of Telegraph and Telephone Line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1898	2,098	75,650,065	1,331,630	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	75,318,608	1,408,140	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	78,129,284	1,473,410	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	81,152,977	1,630,490	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	89,047,055	1,734,340	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	90,264,671	1,973,540	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	95,066,923	3,263,264	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280
1905	2,266	103,576,306	8,382,282	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827	3,837,962
1906	2,288	115,062,748	12,621,096	47,144,094	25,201,131	15,417	4,452,506
1907	2,319	122,130,948	15,097,710	48,340,646	37,191,554	15,910	4,894,283
1908	2,492	134,684,520	14,969,312	50,461,252	38,330,311	16,338	5,149,763

No. 35.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	Potatoes.	All Crops. *
	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.	acres.
1899	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	27,978	2,204,500
1900	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	34,968	2,439,639
1901	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	29,408	2,445,564
1902	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	26,158	2,276,528
1903	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,692	491,918	5,041	19,444	2,245,839
1904	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,368	496,017	5,101	20,851	2,542,919
1905	1,775,955	193,614	40,471	9,772	435,704	5,298	23,855	2,672,973
1906	1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279	26,374	2,838,081
1907	1,866,253	174,115	56,431	10,378	458,172	4,951	36,815	2,824,211
1908	1,390,171	160,985	75,762	9,916	542,761	4,644	31,917	2,570,137
1909	1,394,056	180,812	59,881	6,951	715,837	4,472	26,301	2,713,971

* The figures in this column are exclusive of areas double-cropped.

No. 36.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Potatoes.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	tons.	£
1899	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	61,900	4,874,696
1900	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	81,337	5,609,437
1901	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	63,253	5,855,674
1902	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	39,146	7,060,203
1903	1,585,097	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	30,732	4,138,627
1904	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	56,743	8,358,924
1905	16,464,415	4,951,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	48,754	5,413,710
1906	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	50,386	6,543,050
1907	21,817,938	5,763,000	1,404,554	221,560	621,846	1,140,000	114,856	7,517,550
1908	9,155,884	4,527,852	851,776	277,390	376,800	778,500	55,882	6,587,990
1909	15,483,276	5,216,038	1,119,558	144,760	730,014	736,262	71,794	8,318,900

No. 37.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Potatoes.	Value per acre.
	bushels.	bushels.	bushels.	tons.	tons.	gallons.	tons.	£ s. d.
1899	...	7'0	31'4	14'0	19'83	0'72	185	2 4 3
1900	...	9'5	27'8	21'6	18'07	0'99	160	2 6 0
1901	...	10'6	30'5	20'2	19'01	1'13	197	2 8 0
1902	...	10'6	22'9	21'3	21'35	1'07	178	3 2 0
1903	...	1'2	15'1	8'2	21'07	0'49	160	1 16 10
1904	...	17'5	30'1	24'3	21'94	1'65	213	3 5 9
1905	...	9'3	25'6	16'1	20'43	0'84	175	2 0 6
1906	...	10'7	29'3	22'9	19'59	1'05	157	2 6 1
1907	...	11'7	33'1	24'9	21'34	1'36	230	2 13 3
1908	...	6'6	28'1	11'2	27'97	0'69	168	2 11 3
Mean for 10 years	...	9'8	27'4	18'2	21'01	0'99	182	2 9 5
1909	...	11'1	28'8	18'7	20'83	1'02	273	3 1 4

No. 38.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.*	All other.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,884	644,164	1,693,809	39,506,764	310,702
1906	537,762	713,049	1,836,895	44,132,421	243,370
1907	578,326	756,916	1,994,277	44,461,839	216,145
1908	591,045	777,149	2,178,785	43,370,797	215,822

* Up to 1902 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The figures for the last three years are made up as follows:—

Year.	Milch Cows.	Cows at present dry.	Heifers within 3 months of calving.	Total Dairy Cows.
1906 .. ..	.. 494,820 ..	.. 172,888 ..	.. 45,341 ..	.. 713,049
1907 .. ..	.. 506,395 ..	.. 206,828 ..	.. 43,693 ..	.. 756,916
1908 .. ..	.. 527,843 ..	.. 208,840 ..	.. 40,466 ..	.. 777,149

No. 39.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,804,771
1904	250,941,000	353,082	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532
1905	297,154,000	495,157	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,652,440
1906	325,441,000	487,911	58,941,137	5,389,345	11,843,595
1907	367,446,000	490,519	60,041,449	4,586,857	10,358,526
1908	338,129,000	432,294	61,380,876	4,763,360	9,488,299

No. 40.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis, and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index— all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver, Lead, Copper, Tin.
Year 1908	1,164	1,122	1,073
„ 1909	1,188	1,137	1,066
December, 1904	1,123	1,142	1,092
„ 1905	1,239	1,246	1,351
„ 1906	1,346	1,381	1,600
„ 1907	1,207	1,246	1,085
„ 1908	1,131	1,096	1,091
January, 1909	1,110	1,064	1,093
February, „	1,126	1,093	1,066
March, „	1,158	1,125	1,032
April, „	1,177	1,108	1,049
May, „	1,205	1,122	1,053
June, „	1,274	1,143	1,052
July, „	1,201	1,103	1,027
August, „	1,195	1,112	1,040
Sept., „	1,192	1,156	1,034
October, „	1,206	1,181	1,050
November „	1,219	1,186	1,086
December, 1909	1,181	1,154	1,080

No. 41.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter (Best Quality).		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
December, 1908 ...	39 9	9 12 9	107	105	10	1 4	32 0
January, 1909 ...	39 3	9 8 0	108	106	10	1 4	32 0
February, " ...	40 9	10 0 0	106	104	10	1 4	32 0
March, " ...	42 3	10 10 0	105	103	10	1 3	32 0
April, " ...	44 9	11 8 0	98	96	9½	1 3	30 10
May, " ...	47 0	11 18 0	98	96	10	1 3	29 9
June, " ...	47 3	11 16 0	98	96	10	1 4	30 9
July, " ...	46 9	11 16 0	106	104	9½	1 4½	31 0
August, " ...	45 6	11 9 0	*	*	9½	1 5	31 0
September, " ...	43 6	11 10 0	120	104	10½	1 6	30 6
October, " ...	43 0	11 2 0	120	106	10½	1 6	31 0
November, " ...	43 0	11 1 0	114	113	10½	1 6	32 0
December, " ...	43 9	11 1 0	110	108	10½	1 5	32 0

* No quotations.

No. 42.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.
	per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.	per bushel. s. d.
December, 1908 ...	3 10¼	9 4 0	12	14½	2 9	4 5
January, 1909 ...	3 9½	9 2 6	12	14½	2 7½	4 5½
February, " ...	4 0¼	9 5 0	11¾	13½	2 4½	4 4½
March, " ...	4 6½	10 8 9	10¾	12	2 4½	4 2
April, " ...	5 1½	11 14 6	11¾	12½	2 4½	4 4
May, " ...	5 3¼	12 10 0	14	14½	2 7¼	4 5
June, " ...	5 4½	12 10 0	12	13	2 5¼	4 1
July, " ...	5 4	12 10 0	11	11¾	2 5¼	4 0½
August, " ...	5 0½	11 17 6	10¾	11½	2 5¼	4 0½
September, " ...	4 10	11 2 6	11½	11½	2 3¼	3 10
October, " ...	4 10	11 0 0	11½	13	2 3	3 11
November, " ...	4 11½	11 0 0	11½	14	2 3½	4 2½
December, " ...	4 1	10 3 0	11¼	12¼	2 3¼	4 1¼

	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.
December, 1908 ...	4 19 6	10¾	6½	9¾	7	11½
January, 1909 ...	4 13 3	10¼	6¾	9¼	7	11½
February, " ...	4 5 0	10¼	6¾	10	6¾	13¾
March, " ...	3 15 6	9¼	6¾	8¾	6	15
April, " ...	4 7 0	9½	6¾	7¾	6	17½
May, " ...	5 2 0	12	7½	8	6¾	19
June, " ...	4 18 0	12	8¼	7½	6¾	19
July, " ...	4 0 0	13	8	7½	6¾	14½
August, " ...	4 9 0	12½	7	7¾	6¾	10¾
September, " ...	3 16 9	11¾	6	8½	5¾	9½
October, " ...	3 3 9	10¾	6¼	9	5¾	9¼
November, " ...	3 18 0	10	6¾	9¼	5½	9¾
December, " ...	3 10 9	9¼	6½	8½	5	10¼

No. 43.—Gold Produced and Minerals Exported.

Gold yield during the years 1909 and 1908.

Month.	1909.		1908.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
January to November	oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
December	183,028	777,451	203,032	862,426
	21,681	92,095	21,760	92,428
Total for year	204,709	869,546	224,792	954,854

Exports of Minerals during the first nine months, 1908 and 1909.

Exports.	Nine months, 1908.		Nine months, 1909.		Third quarter, 1909.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£		£
Silver ingots and matte ... oz.	1,914,189	196,669	1,279,830	125,642	408,790	39,443
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c... tons	331,919	1,614,835	170,947	984,187	86,950	503,612
Lead, in matte	8,347	102,386	11,867	142,580	4,243	50,901
Copper ingots, and ore*	7,882	437,532	9,684	558,485	4,427	261,735
Tin ingots and ore*	2,069	251,606	2,039	231,671	768	89,622
Coal—						
To Australian Ports	2,070,593	918,368	1,840,903	853,404	656,410	304,313
„ other Ports	2,615,960	1,402,982	1,745,443	951,311	564,749	307,360
Total Export of Coal	4,686,553	2,321,350	3,586,346	1,804,715	1,221,159	611,673
Grand Total	£	4,924,378	.....	3,847,280	.....	1,556,986

* The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first nine months of the years 1908 and 1909 are as follow :—

	Nine months, 1908.		Nine months, 1909.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	tons.	£	tons.	£
Copper	2,296	33,223	6,912	120,961
Tin	1,385	102,950	1,019	84,234

The silver, lead, and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 44.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1907 and 1908.

Minerals.	1907.		1908.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Metallic—		£		£	£	£
Gold oz. fine	247,363	1,050,730	224,792	954,854	.....	95,876
Silver	2,043,887	257,314	2,490,163	253,920	.....	3,394
Silver—Lead and Ore ... ton	434,079	3,658,632	358,730	1,906,275	.....	1,752,357
Lead—Pig, &c.	19,768	374,182	14,936	186,746	.....	187,436
Zinc Spelter & Concentrates,,	237,219	536,620	276,720	600,883	64,263	.....
Tin Ingots and Ore	1,914	293,395	1,795	205,447	.....	87,858
Copper Ingots and Ore ..	10,098	727,774	9,071	502,812	.....	224,962
Antimony and Ore	1,752	46,278	117	1,141	.....	45,137
Bismuth	16	5,268	9	2,017	.....	3,251
Wolfram	207	26,235	86	6,742	.....	19,493
Scheelite	196	23,781	154	11,082	.....	12,699
Molybdenite	22	3,564	8	929	.....	2,635
Platinum oz.	276	1,014	135	439	.....	575
Iron ton	18,631	60,550	30,393	98,777	38,227	.....
Non-metallic—						
Coal ton	8,657,924	2,922,419	9,147,025	3,353,093	430,674	.....
Coke	254,609	159,316	283,873	199,933	40,617	.....
Kerosene Shale	47,331	32,055	46,303	26,067	.....	5,988
Alunite	2,088	5,115	1,082	2,705	.....	2,410
Limestone Flux	41,667	16,162	53,668	14,779	.....	1,383
Ironstone Flux... ..	10,659	7,707	8,087	6,199	.....	1,508
Marble ... ..	.....	2,200	.....	2,200	.....	.....
Diamonds carat	2,539	2,056	2,205	1,358	.....	698
Opal ... ..	.....	79,000	.....	41,800	.....	37,200
Sundry Minerals ... ..	.....	4,013	.....	3,951	.....	62
Total ... .. £	.....	10,295,290	.....	8,384,149	573,781	2,484,922
Net decrease £1,911,141.						

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £118,082 in 1907 and £19,447 in 1908, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £164,006 and £206,010, respectively, in 1907 and 1908. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 45.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper	Tin.	Coal.	Total Minerals Produced.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1898 ...	1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833	4,756,414
1899 ...	1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799	5,959,928
1900 ...	1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911	6,362,078
1901 ...	737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929	5,680,739
1902 ...	684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598	5,102,321
1903 ...	1,080,029	1,501,403	462,640	150,208	2,319,660	5,957,512
1904 ...	1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952	6,243,261
1905 ...	1,165,013	2,494,052	527,403	226,110	2,003,461	6,897,081
1906 ...	1,078,866	2,862,973	789,527	255,744	2,337,227	7,912,716
1907 ...	1,050,730	3,915,946	727,774	293,305	2,922,419	10,295,290
1908 ...	954,854	2,160,195	502,812	205,447	3,353,093	8,384,149

No. 46.—Manufactories.

Year.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
		No.	No.	No.	£	£	£
1898 ...	2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	Not available.	
1899 ...	2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900 ...	3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	4,974,216	Not available
1901 ...	3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902 ...	3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,807,843	5,080,740	Not available
1903 ...	3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,121,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904 ...	3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,648,903	5,012,758	27,159,230
1905 ...	3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	8,031,950	5,191,350	30,028,150
1906 ...	3,861	59,979	17,843	77,822	8,407,337	5,591,888	34,796,169
1907 ...	4,432	65,953	20,514	86,467	9,155,772	6,650,715	40,018,301
* 1908 ...	4,453	67,616	21,482	89,098	9,718,842	7,218,556	40,163,826

* See also Table 47.

No. 47.—Manufacturing Industries, 1908.

Class of Industry.	Number of Establishments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
		No.	No.	No.	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	278	3,468	29	3,497	255,266
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	37	537	125	662	170,786
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	261	3,827	61	3,888	474,083
Working in Wood ...	543	6,268	32	6,300	483,510
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	423	18,555	72	18,627	2,066,233
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	744	9,342	2,753	12,095	2,666,805
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	895	6,955	15,429	22,384	323,531
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	374	6,077	1,845	7,922	801,638
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	13	359	30	389	7,487
Arms and Explosives ...	3	20	5	25	500
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	334	3,472	60	3,532	66,050
Ship and Boat Building ...	38	1,924	...	1,924	354,695
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	147	2,485	218	2,703	34,329
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	65	695	434	1,129	151,982
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	9	66	19	85	3,238
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	44	520	59	579	16,618
Heat, Light, and Power ...	173	2,185	51	2,236	1,799,813
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	18	274	42	316	6,875
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	54	587	218	805	35,403
Total ...	4,453	67,616	21,482	89,098	9,718,842
	Value of Materials used.	Value of Fuel Consumed.	Value of Goods Manufactured or work done.	Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials.	Wages Paid.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	†3,151,993	27,703	†3,762,369	582,673	236,651
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ..	433,338	9,889	656,118	212,891	51,385
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	185,375	116,470	929,351	627,506	352,411
Working in Wood ...	1,433,302	9,758	2,266,933	822,973	504,071
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	4,771,520	342,574	8,333,250	3,219,150	2,042,244
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	11,070,120	134,456	13,821,942	2,617,366	935,708
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	2,035,559	19,046	3,935,722	1,881,117	1,209,168
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	588,707	20,995	1,678,089	1,068,387	663,971
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	64,594	469	136,087	71,024	36,628
Arms and Explosives ...	6,183	19	9,126	2,924	1,590
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	320,501	7,246	771,646	443,899	253,037
Ship and Boat Building ...	118,903	8,402	412,871	285,566	236,148
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	312,781	2,476	642,713	327,456	210,531
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	382,439	9,042	681,177	289,696	84,006
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	6,015	121	23,081	16,945	5,731
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	66,127	1,057	156,467	89,283	50,193
Heat, Light, and Power ...	354,342	164,329	1,605,676	1,087,005	276,786
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	83,138	539	124,317	40,640	20,517
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	122,477	1,974	217,791	93,340	47,780
Total ...	£ 25,507,414	876,565	40,163,826	13,779,847*	7,218,556

* If £146,452, the value added to articles already included in primary industries, be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £13,633,395.

† Including value of wool treated.

No. 48.—Manufactories—Value of Production, 1901–1908.

Class of Industry.	1901. (Census Year)	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
	£	£	£	£	£
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	337,739	457,067	546,884	555,068	582,673
Oils and Fats, &c.	160,718	177,877	193,384	191,721	212,891
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	422,272	462,447	501,266	561,280	627,506
Working in Wood	649,149	645,027	691,036	801,053	822,973
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	2,443,432	2,781,996	3,203,590	3,586,103	3,219,156
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	2,237,369	2,170,757	2,407,478	2,572,503	2,470,914
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Material	1,091,244	1,289,527	1,510,922	1,716,989	1,881,117
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	950,771	847,996	906,690	1,071,864	1,068,387
Musical Instruments, &c.	22,309	54,799	59,343	65,742	71,024
Arms and Explosives	1,480	1,541	2,025	1,620	2,924
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	266,016	257,251	303,433	392,036	443,899
Ship and Boat Building	148,800	179,380	198,594	278,630	285,566
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	220,434	228,903	264,437	301,010	327,456
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	74,006	199,100	222,053	266,880	289,696
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ..	17,304	10,925	13,712	13,903	16,945
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	24,698	48,705	57,469	79,382	89,283
Heat, Light, and Power	624,567	739,397	724,286	920,390	1,087,005
Leatherware, n.e.i.	12,243	24,229	28,166	32,302	40,640
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	37,047	53,799	69,323	72,376	93,340
Total	9,741,598	10,630,723	11,906,091	13,480,852	13,633,395

NOTE.—The value of production from factories dealing with milk products is omitted, as it has already been included in the returns of the Dairying Industry.

No. 49.—Value of Production—Principal Industries—1891–1908.

The following figures represent the estimated Value of Production from the various Industries at the place of production. The figures are not exact, but are considered the best approximations from the data available.

(In thousands, 000 omitted.)

Year.	Pastoral.	Agricultural.	Mining.	Dairying.	Minor—Poultry, Bees, Rabbits.	Forests and Fisheries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manufacturing (Value added to raw materials).	Total All Industries.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1891	14,725	3,615	6,434	2,735	*	758	28,267	7,799	36,066
1894	11,168	3,439	4,947	2,548	*	690	22,792	6,880	29,672
1895	11,774	4,101	4,499	2,546	*	715	23,635	7,006	30,641
1896	11,774	5,374	4,465	2,546	*	715	24,874	7,302	32,176
1897	11,823	6,250	4,616	2,653	*	750	26,092	8,079	34,171
1898	13,219	4,875	4,756	2,758	*	800	26,408	8,425	34,833
1899	14,527	5,609	5,960	2,543	*	639	29,278	9,207	38,485
1900	13,707	5,856	6,362	3,617	*	796	30,338	9,656	39,994
1901	12,552	7,060	5,681	3,046	*	733	29,072	9,742	38,814
1902	10,731	4,139	5,102	3,403	*	695	24,070	10,000	34,070
1903	12,777	8,359	5,958	3,276	*	779	31,149	9,601	40,750
1904	13,373	5,414	6,243	2,753	799	900	29,482	9,899	39,381
1905	17,113	6,543	6,897	3,123	1,228	1,190	36,094	10,631	46,725
1906	19,743	7,518	7,913	3,425	1,693	1,536	41,828	11,906	53,734
1907	22,281	6,588	10,295	3,567	1,708	1,382	45,821	13,481	59,302
1908	18,846	8,319	8,384	4,064	1,732	1,165	42,510	13,633	56,143

* Prior to 1904 included with the Dairying Industry.

No. 50.—Current Rates of Wages.

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round, allowance being made for the exigencies of the various trades, such as bad weather, idleness through scarcity of employment, &c. Except where specially mentioned, the ordinary working week consists of 48 hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Bakers (bread)—

Board hands, 52/6 to 60/- per week; machine hands, 15/- to 42/- per week.

Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average 50/- per week.

Boilermakers—

1/3 per hour, new work } approximate average
1/4 " old work } per week, 35/-

Bookbinders, 56/- per week.

Bootmakers—Male, 48/- per week; average 38/-
Female, 15/- " ; " 12/6

Brass-finishers, 1/- per hour; average 42/-

Brassmoulders, 1/3 " " 50/-

Bread-carters (60 hours per week), min. 45/-

Brewery and Aerated Water Factory Hands, 42/- to 46/-

Bricklayers, 1/4½ per hour; average 45/-

Brick-carters, 1 horse, 40/- per week; 2 horses, 45/- per week; 2/6 per week extra for each additional horse.

Brickmakers—Time rate, 10½d. to 1/1½d. per hour; piecework, average 57/6 per week.

Brushmakers, 1/3 per hour, or 52/6 per week.

Butchers (city), without board, 40/- to 65/-

Carpenters and Joiners, 1/3 per hour; average 45/-
Carters. (See "Trolley and Draymen.")

Cabinetmakers, min. 52/-; average 56/- per week.

Chairmakers, min. 52/-; average 56/- per week.

Cigarmakers, male and female; average 45/-

Coach-painters, 8/- to 10/- per day; average 45/-

Coachsmiths, 8/- to 10/- per day; average 50/-

Compositors—Piecework, 1/- to 1/1 per 1,000 ens.

" Jobbing, 56/- per week.

" Linotype (newspapers), 3¼d. per 1,000 ens (flat rate). Time rate, day, 1/7; night, 1/10 per hour.

Coopers (piecework), avg. 50/- to 55/- per week.

Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; avg. 50/- per week.

Drapers. (See "Shop Assistants.")

Electricians—

Fitters, 9/- to 10/6 per day.

Armature Winders and Wiremen, 9/- per day.

Engine-drivers (stationary), 8/- to 11/-

Firemen " 8/- to 9/-

Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average 50/-

Farriers—Firemen, 60/- per week.

" Floormen, 52/6

French-polishers, min. 48/-; average 51/-

Galvanised Iron-workers, 1/1½ per hour; avg. 50/-

Glass-workers, 50/- to 65/- per week.

Grocers. (See "Shop Assistants.")

Hairdressers (59 hours per week), 48/- to 58/- per week.

Hatters (felt), piecework 65/- to 70/- per week.

Ironmongers. (See "Shop Assistants.")

Ironmoulders and Turners, 1/3 per hour; av. 45/-

Jam Factory Workers—

Males, adults, 40/-; boys, 13/- to 27/6 per w.k.

Females, adults, 20/-; girls, 10/- to 18/6 "

Labourers—Skilled 8/-; unskilled, 7/- per day; average 40/-

Letter-press Machinists, min. 50/- to 56/- per week; average 45/-

Lithographers, min. 60/- per week.

Malt-house Hands, 40/- per week.

Marble-workers, 7/6 to 10/- per day.

Masons and Stone-cutters, 10/- per day; avg. 40/-

Navvies, 7/- to 8/- per day; average 40/-

Painters (44 hours per week), 1/- to 1/3 per hour; average 45/-

Paperhangers, 1/3 per hour; average 45/-

Pattern-makers, 10/8 to 12/- per day.

Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average 45/- per week.

Plumbers, 1/4½ " " 50/-

Saddlers (piecework), average 50/-

Saw-mill Employees per hour, Machinists, 1s. 3d.;

Saw Sharpeners, 1s. 2½d.; Sawyers, 1s. 0½d.;

Engine-drivers, 1s.

Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.

Shop Assistants (adults)—

Males, 35/- to 45/-

Females, 17/6 to 25/- per week.

Slaters and Tilers, 1/3 to 1/4½ per hour.

Tailors, 55/- per week.

" Pressers, 55/- per week.

Tailoresses (coat hands), order, 27/6 per week, or log rates.

" (trousers hands), order, 22/6 to 26/- per week.

" (vest hands), order, 20/- to 25/- per week.

" (factory), order, 10/- to 20/- per week.

Tinsmiths, 1/1½ and 1/3 per hour; average, 50/- per week.

Tobacco-workers, men, 50/-; women, 25/- per week.

Trolley and Draymen—

1 horse, 42/- per week.

2 horses, 47/-

2/6 per week for each extra horse. Working week not to exceed 56 hours.

Timber-carters, 1 horse, 42/-; 2 horses, 47/-; and 3/- per week for each extra horse.

Tip-carters, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/-

Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.

Upholsterers, min. 52/-; average 57/6 per week.

Wharf Labourers—

Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime.

Interstate and Coastal, 1/1½ per hour; 1/8 overtime.

Wheelwrights, 8/- to 10/- per day; average 45/-

Woolwashers, 6/- to 7/- per day; average 40/-

Ferry Employees.

Engine-drivers, £15 to £16/10/- per month.

Firemen, £9/10/- to £11/5/- per month.

Deck-hands (adults), 36/- to 40/- per week (60 hours per week).

Interstate and Intercolonial Steamers.

Officers, chief, £15 to £19; 2nd, £12 to £14; 3rd, £10 to £11; 4th, £8.

Firemen, £9 to £10.

Trimmers, £7.

Engineers, chief, £20 to £27/10/-; 2nd, £16 to £19; 3rd, £14 to £15; 4th, £12.

Able Seamen, £7.

" " (sailing ships), average £5.

No. 50.—Current Rates of Wages—continued.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Officers, Chief, £12 to £16; 2nd, £10 to £13; 3rd, £8 to £10.
Firemen, £9; £10, if 6-hour watches.

Donkeymen, £10 to £11.
Able Seamen and Trimmers, £7.

Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.

Boundary Riders, 17/6 to 20/-
Bullock Drivers, 20/- to 25/-
Country Blacksmiths—
Station, 30/-
General (without rations), 50/- to 60/-
Dairy Hands, 17/6 to 22/6
Farm Labourers, 20/-
Harvest Hands, 35/-
Horse-team Drivers, 25/- to 30/-

Married Couples (without family)—
Farm, £70 to £80.
Station, £75 to £85.
Rouseabouts and Shed Hands, 15/- to 20/-
Orchard Hands, 14/- to 20/-
Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 24/-
Stockmen, £45 to £52.
Useful Boys, 7/6 to 12/6 (age 15 to 18).
Vignerons, 15/- to 20/-

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks (Females)—
Hotel, 20/- to 30/-
Station, 20/- to 25/-
Private house, 15/- to 20/-
Boarding-house, 20/- to 30/-
Cook and Laundress, 15/- to 20/-
House and Parlour Maid, 13/- to 15/-
Laundresses, 17/6 to 20/-

General Servants (aged 18 years and upwards),
10/- to 20/-
Nursemaids (aged 15 to 20 years), 6/- to 10/-
Useful Girls (aged 15 to 18 years), 6/- to 10/-
Waitresses (board only), 15/- to 18/-
Gardeners, 20/- to 30/-
Grooms and Coachmen, 17/6 to 25/-

No. 51.—Meteorology.

District.	December, 1909.					December— (Mean 1899-1908).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.							
	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.		deg. (Fahr.)	inches.
North Coast—										
Grafton ...	73·0	88·1	57·8	5·61	10	76·6	3·22	7	68·1	38·81
Hunter and Manning—										
Singleton ...	74·8	89·0	60·5	8·47	5	75·8	2·25	5	64·1	29·54
Cumberland—										
Sydney ...	70·1	78·8	61·4	3·64	11	70·6	1·86	12	63·0	47·97
South Coast—										
Bega ...	68·7	80·9	54·5	1·82	6	69·2	2·39	6	59·6	31·50
Northern Tableland—										
Armidale ...	64·9	77·7	52·1	0·88	4	67·5	2·64	9	56·4	31·77
Central Tableland—										
Bathurst ...	66·2	82·6	49·8	2·49	4	69·4	1·44	5	57·4	23·73
Southern Tableland—										
Goulburn ...	65·3	78·8	51·7	2·11	6	66·1	1·60	7	56·0	25·49
North-western Slope—										
Gunnedah ...	...	92·9	...	0·52	2	78·8	2·36	5	66·2	24·08
Central-western Slope—										
Dubbo ...	74·5	90·9	58·0	2·69	5	78·2	1·85	5	63·5	22·38
South-western Slope—										
Wagga ...	69·5	84·2	54·7	0·33	2	76·4	0·99	4	61·6	21·62
North-western Plain—										
Moree ...	74·3	94·2	54·4	3·37	6	81·5	1·41	5	68·4	23·65
Central-western Plain—										
Coonamble ...	75·6	91·2	60·0	2·99	5	80·4	1·17	3	65·8	19·62
Riverina—										
Deniliquin ...	68·4	82·1	54·6	0·22	1	74·0	0·80	3	62·3	16·35

No. 52.—Crown Lands Selections, 1909.

The following statements show—(first) the Land Selected; and (second), the Area made available for Residential Settlement during the month of December, 1909, and during the period from 1st January to 31st December, 1909 :—

LANDS SELECTED UNDER THE "CROWN LANDS ACT."

Description of Holding.	During December, 1909.		1st Jan. to 31st December, 1909.	
	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Conditional Purchase Leases	60	56,452	281	182,630
Original Conditional Purchases	73	10,648	1,338	206,478
*Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C. Purchases (51)	(51)	21,728	(836)	348,774
Original Homestead Selections	6	201	173	31,173
Original Settlement Leases	4	12,221	156	612,218
Special Conditional Purchase Leases ... ..	...	...	7	916
Settlement Purchases	37	352	461	195,982
Total of New Settlers	180	101,602	2,416	1,578,171
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Additional Conditional Purchases	77	11,131	937	132,811
Additional Conditional Leases	93	28,776	1,343	407,093
Additional Homestead Selections	7	3,134	84	38,380
Additional Settlement Leases... ..	3	2,263	53	56,191
Total	180	45,304	2,417	634,475

* A Conditional Lease may be of any area not exceeding three times that of the associated Conditional Purchase, and is usually taken up at the same time as the Conditional Purchase. It is not, however, treated as an additional holding.

AREAS SPECIALLY SET APART FOR RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

Description of Holding.	During December, 1909.		1st Jan. to 31st December, 1909.	
	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
For Conditional Purchase Lease	62	60,622	261	180,810
Original Conditional Purchase	2	180	96	23,739
Original Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease in virtue thereof	45	41,848	305	249,138
Original Homestead Selection	19	1,113	148	27,655
Original Settlement Lease	2	2,348	157	592,120
Special Conditional Purchase Lease ... ..	...	...	217	66,888
Settlement Purchase	37	352	492	212,430
Total	167	106,463	1,676	1,352,780
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
For all forms of Additional Holdings	83	93,366	941	762,470
Additional Conditional Purchase	2	21	21	7,850
Additional Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease	2	111	15	14,321
Additional Homestead Selection... ..	...	...	14	705
Additional Settlement Lease ... ..	...	...	14	12,368
Additional Conditional Purchase, Conditional Lease, or Additional Homestead Selection ... ..	...	...	...	...
Total	87	93,498	1,005	797,714